

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY  
VETERANS' RECOGNITION SUBCOMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 19.84, Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Veterans' Recognition Subcommittee** was held on October 19, 2021 in Room 200 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

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**PRESENT:** Chair Joe Aulik, Jim Haskins, Duane Pierce, Joan Brusky, Ken Corry

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**1. Call Meeting to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Joe Aulik at 4:32 pm.

**2. Approve/Modify Agenda.**

**Motion made by Jim Haskins, seconded by Joan Brusky to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. Approve/Modify Minutes of October 19, 2021.**

**Motion made by Duane Pierce, seconded by Ken Corry to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. Opening Invocation.**

An invocation was given by Jim Haskins at this time.

**5. Update re: Honor Rewards Program.**

CVSO Joe Aulik informed there have not been any changes to the Honor Rewards Program since our last meeting.

**6. Discussion Regarding Veterans Day.**

Aulik informed the United Patriotic Society will be doing the Veterans Day program at the Resch Expo. The UPS started many years ago to recognize veteran holidays. They want to run their own program for Veterans Day and the county will have minimal involvement in it. Other local Veterans Day events include the VFW breakfast beginning at 8:00 am on November 11 at the Duck Creek Post and a recognition ceremony of Vietnam Veterans hosted by VVA 224 at the memorial behind the Museum from sunrise to sunset. Pearly Gates will also be holding their annual Veterans Day event on November 13 from 11 am – 5:00 pm and the Yacht Club will be holding their event on November 6.

A handout was provided that was received from Ed Koslowski. The working copy was discussed and a number of notes were made on the list to ensure accuracy of events and offers. It was noted that those items marked "HR" are on the Honor Rewards website so those offers are available all year long. Gail in the Veterans Services Office will be making calls to verify these offers and Aulik will have Gail reach out to Joan Brusky so they can determine who will be contacting what businesses. Koslowski will also be working to update the list for this year as will Jim Haskins.

7. **Report from CVSO Joe Aulik.**

Aulik informed his office is at about \$3.6 million dollars in retro payments and he is confident they will hit \$4 million dollars by the end of the year. There are currently 608,000 claims pending nationally and the VA is frantically hiring people to process those claims. The number of pending claims has never been less than 500,000.

8. **Report from Committee Members Present (Brusky, Corry, Dahlke, Haskins, Koslowski, Metoxen, Pierce).**

-Joan Brusky recalled that Ken Corry appeared virtually at the last meeting and she felt that was good. She would like virtual attendance to be an option for this subcommittee, but acknowledged that the by-laws, if there are any, would have to be amended for this to happen. Aulik will look into this further to ascertain if there are by-laws for this subcommittee and what process would need to be followed to amend them.

-Ken Corry informed he has heard that Honor Flight may be interested in doing something like an LZ Lambeau event in 2023 for LZ veterans and he would like to see this subcommittee and Brown County support this. Corry also mentioned that he has spoken with a representative from the Packers about the Salute to Service football game at Tiletown District and he floated the idea of veterans having a team for this in the future.

-Jim Haskins did not have anything to report.

-Duane Pierce did not have anything to report.

9. **Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law.** None.

10. **Closing Invocation.**

Jim Haskins gave a closing invocation at this time.

11. **Adjourn.**

**Motion made by Joan Brusky, seconded by Jim Haskins to adjourn at 5:09 pm. Vote taken.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully submitted,

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